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Of Accompt vnto divers Perſonages *of Worth in* London; *Truely relating* all ſuch remarkable Occurrences *as haue hapned in the* Palatinate from the 30th of *May* to the 11th of IVNE.

Amongſt which, the Priſe that Count *Mansfeild* hath taken from the *Bavarian.*

As alſo the Miſ-hap of the Duke of *Brunſwicke in his paſſage over the River of* MAYNE.

Likewiſe a Relation of divers ſtrange and miraculous *Accidents, falling out thereabouts.*

By *Doctor Welles* and others.

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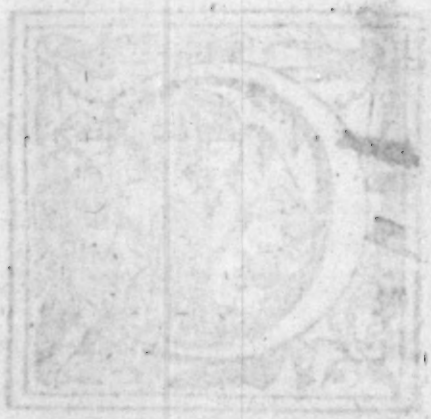
To the courteous Reader.

Courteous Reader;

These are to advertise thee that these Letters are Printed without the privitie of those that sent them, but I suppose that they will not take it offencively, that all such as are well-willers to the cause of the Palatinate, *should bee made acquainted with the common occurrences which fall out there, and I suppose they would the rather suffer it, if they knew or were made acquainted with the false Rumors which often passe heere for current, vntill wee heare the contrary by such Letters as these are: I haue not prefixed any long preamble to the ensuing Relation, neither is it stuffed with any superfluous coniectures, but you haue them printed in the same wordes and phrase in which I received them.*

Vale.



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FRom *Hanmuw* within theſe two dayes are come together all the Forces the Emperor, *Bavaria*, and the Biſhops can make within ſix Germaine myles of vs. The King hath his Forces together, the one halfe in *Ments* Lands, the King in *Darmſtradts* Lands. *Brunſwicke* is not yet with the King, he is this day about a myle from *Freeſburg* in the Watterewe, foure myles from vs. The King hath or ſhall haue from *Franckford* an 100000. Reeks Dollars. The *Bavarian* ſouldiers fall daily to *Mansfield*, I

haue ſeene it, and haue heard it of his officers, that they goe twelue or ſixteene in a day out of a Company. And two dayes agoe there was money going to pay for foure Moneths, but *Mansfeilds* Souldiers tooke it.

There were three Hathorn Trees by *Darmſtadt*, which were ſpotted all over on the leaues as with blood; they are in *Franckford* to be ſeene; when they are waſhed they will go off, but come on againe. For three weeks word came from *Valtaline*, from the Griſons, that the folke had ſlaine all *Leopoldus* Forces he had left there, for he had alſo put the *Valtalines* to the ſword for them of their Religion, and that after ſuch crueltie, as the like hath not bin heard of. This weeke Newes came, that in a towne called *Bunſen*, there were but fiftie men left inhabitants; and many women, who putting themſelues into mens apparell, ſlew at ſeverall times two thouſand of the Papiſts their enemies: it is accounted here a worke and a wonder of God.

Mainhem the 2. of Iune, 1622. *Old Stile.*

MY L. *Chicheſter* arived here on Thurſday laſt, to my Lord Generals great comfort, and the whole troupes. Barron *Tilley* ſtrengthened with his freſh ſupplies, which were 5000. foote and 1000. horſe, marched towardes the Maine, to hinder Count *Mansfeila* and Marquis *Baden*, from meeting with the Duke of *Brunſwick*. Now the paſſage aimed at on both ſides was *Aſhenburge* a Towne of the Biſhop of *Ments* vpon the Maine, where there is a Bridge. The Count *Mansfeilds* Army came about *Darmſtat*, one Thurſday was ſevennight, and there ſtaid the comming of the Marquis which was Sunday: to conclude it was Teuſday before they marched from their quarters, in the *Lantgraues* Countrey towards this *Aſhenburge*, when beeing by *Dippergen* a ſmall Towne, which ranſommed it ſelfe at 15000. *Lor.* advertiſement came of the Barron *Tillies* hauing poſſeſſed himſelfe

himselfe of the passage, and that hee marched directly towards them with a great power, weied to bee (by the coniecture) of the Baron *Anhalts* forces and most of *Gonsales* with him 30000. and the horse fully armed from top to toe as they say. Our Armie then thought of a faire retrait, and applied to it by the same way they advanced, and lay the same night in Armes: on Wednesday they retreated towards *Openheim* bridg and lodged about *Girah*. On thursday (which was a very great march) they came on this side *Bensheim*, The Enemie all this while following without any thing done, on Fryday morning our two Armies hauing so disposed of themselues, marched by severall passages to *Loresh*, least the enemie should cut betweene them and *Mainhem*, but were no sooner risen, but the Enemie appeared, and with a body of Cairassiers, charged the rereward of the Marquis of *Baden*, wher his Lieutenant General Colonell *Golstein* a man much lamented for his courage and vnderstanding was at the first shot slaine. But since that written newes came from the Enemies Leaguer

that

that hee is liuing ſhot in the head, but not mortally, and his horſe put to the worſe, but the preſſe of the enemy was kept vp by the Rereward of Count *Mansfields* horſe, the Regiment of Colonell *Megant*, and were forced to a diſorderly retreat. Note the enemies foote neuer came vp, which if they had, the whole muſt needes haue beene engaged. Thus skirmiſhing continued in the rere ſomewhat ſharpely by fits, till towardes night: the danger on euery ſide was by the Chiefes vigilance preuented, and the eſtimate of men ſlaine on both ſides is betweene 3. or 4. hundred, but till a particular view bee taken of the particular companies by each Captaine, the iuſt number of thoſe that are wanting cannot be knowne. In this skirmiſh his Maieſty ſhewed himſelfe (as before) moſt forward and valorous to the encouragement of others.

The *Landgraue* of *Darmſtart* and his yonger ſonne are inuited hither, and lodged with the King at the Citadell, the King of *Bohemia* came ſuddenly and vn-

exspectedly vpon the *Landgraue* of *Darmstat*, so that hee came to meete the King withall speeding demonstrations of affection and much complement, which hee would haue spared if the king had not brought a force with him able to fleece the *Landgraue*, the King notwithstanding did not trust him; but shewed him an intercepted letter of his, whereat he was silent, and most of the Cattle in his countrey are driuen into the *Palatinate* to make supply of flesh there.

The Arch Duke *Leopold* army since his retreat from *Hagenaw* hath bene in a great consumption, what with muting and a great different betweene the *Spanish* and *Dutch* souldiers, as also by the *Switzers* who are sayde to haue killed a great number of them.

The Count *Leuenstine* in a letter to my Lord, takes notice of a Cattle betweene *Caiere* and *Zurich*, taken from the *Spaniard* with three peeces of Canon which the Citizens haue now before *Mainfelt*.

We here nothing from aboue, but

great

great preparations (if the armies on foot ſuffiſe not) againſt the poore *Palatinate*. Whether our army will aduenture once more ouer the Neckar, or take ſome other courſe, leaue.

A *Germaine* Prince of the houſe of the *Rhinegraues*, and a Count of the houſe of the *Mansfields* were taken, and ſome others meaner of Officers, on the Enemies ſide was a Collonell ſlaine in compleate armour, by a bullet in his face when hee lifted vp his helmet to take cold aire. And many other Officers of horſe, we count it a great bleſſing of God that in a retreat of thirty miles, we loſt no baggage, nor more men the enemy.

From *Mainheim, Iune* 6. 1622.

You will happily in few dayes heare of a ſcoffe ſooner then of armes, or a forbearer of hoſtility, which makes as much, wee haue the Marqueſſe of *Baden* and Count *Mansfield* here with vs, with both their armies, which are ſhortly elſe where to be beſtowed or diſcharged of

attendning the good ſucceſſe of the treaty. The *Bauarians* forces are in *Darmſtats* countrey in a readineſſe to oppoſe what may be attempted by the duke of *Brunſwicke* in his paſſage vpward : but it is conceited that the endeauours of the Lord Ambaſſador here, and thoſe at *Bruſſels* will put a barre betweene them, here is a ſpeech that the *Turke* is powring downe his forces vpon Chriſtendome, but hauing no ground for it other then a common report, you ſhall take it accordingly. This day the king ſent 2. Gentlemen to *Bruſſels* as doth alſo the Marqueſſe of *Baden*, there to treate for them : my Lord Ambaſſador ſent his Secretary to *Gonſalo Tilly*, and ſo to *Brunſwicke*, who is neere to *Aſhenburg*. Moſt of the Marqueſſe his forces are put into Garriſon at *Hidelberg*, *Frankendale*, and *Mainheim*: my Lord Ambaſſador hath receiued them for 3. weekes into the king our ſoueraigns pay, he payes ſo many as makes the number vp, with theſe my Lord Generall already hath, in that ſpace of three weekes it is thought that they of

Bruſſels will either conclude or breake off.

The Duke of *Brunſwicke* hath taken *Hæſteon*; the riuer of *Main*, and made a bridge ouer it, he hath ſixe Regiments of foote, and eighty Cornet of horſe.

Count *Mansfields* horſe went to meete the Duke of *Brunſwickes* forces, and afterwards his foote.

From *Mainheim* the 11. of *Iune*.

In haſt I deſire to preſent my loue, & tell you that Barron *Tilly* and *Gonſalo* are gone with all the forces they can make ouer the *Main* to ſee if they can finde out the Duke of *Brunſwicke*, who lay intrenched at a place called *Hoeſt* within a Dutch league of *Frankford*, where the Duke lay ready to encounter him, there is great diſaduantage in their forces, but we hope that it will bee made vp by the aduantage of the ground, it is apparant by the great preparation of the campe that he hopeth to ſwallow vp the Duke, but wee hope it ſhall turne to the aug-

mentation of the Dukes honor, the duke hath had many skirmiſhes with them, wherein he hath had the better of them We haue, and you wil heare of a lamentable defeate of the Duke of *Brunſwicke* by *Francford* to the loſſe and ſcattering of the whole army, but God be thanked it is not true but what is the truth is hard to ſay, the likelieſt is, that in paſſing the *Main* towards a bridge by *Hoeſt* below *Franckford*, *Tilly* who is now ſayd to bee 30000. at leaſt, with three ſupplyes from aboue, from *Bohemia*, *Bauaria*, and the Biſhops, and the Duke had but two ſmall peeces: and the Barron of *Anhoults* occaſion hath broke the bridge with thirteen peeces of Canon, where the foote were moſt paſſed, and put the horſe to ſwim, and ſo tooke much of the baggage and ſome men therewith, but God be praiſed the body of the Army ioynes this night with the kings, we hope.

The Army hath laine euer ſine they came out of *Darmſtat* here by *Mainheim*.

FINIS.